(b) what portion was retained by Government and for what purpose?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Three-fourths.

(b) One-fourth was retained by Government towards the pay of the Examiner and towards the stationery supplied to the copyists.

Copyists—Services of.

386. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to question No. 94, dated 14th December 1927, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether before 1083 a copyist in a Civil Court could absent himself from attending office without sanction from the ministerial head of the office in which he worked;

(b) were any records maintained regarding the services of the copyists before 1083;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table the period of service of each of those copyists who were retained in service and who are still living?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) No regular records were maintained. There were acquittance rolls and attendance registers but they were not preserved in many cases.

(c) In view of the answer to (b) no answer is necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to subdivision (b) were service books kept for these officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not before 1083.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were they considered as Government servants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They were Government servants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were they Government servants in the full sense of the term or was there any qualification?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not in the full sense.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In what sense, may I know?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the sense that they were not eligible for any of the advantages that are attached to permanent service.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated that they could not absent themselves from duty without leave from the ministerial head of the office. Were they eligible for casual leave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they were eligible for casual leave.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were they eligible for any other sort of leave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Copyists—payment of pension to.

387. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether those copyists who were retained in service were given any pension;

(b) whether in calculating their pension was any portion of their service before 1083 taken into account;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, whether there is any provision in the C. S. R. to take into consideration any portion of service in a temporary establishment for calculating pension?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —(a) Those who were qualified for pension were given proportionate pension.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Motor Registration fee in the Madras Presidency.

388. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) had the Government any occasion to pay such registration fee with reference to any of the Government carriages or vehicles;

(2) did the Government claim exemption from registration fee with reference to those vehicles;

(3) what is the result of the correspondence;

(4) has the Government taken any step to remove the hardship caused to owners of vehicles in Cochin who may have occasion to cross the frontier to British territory;

(5) does not the road from Trichur to Chittur through Vaniampara pass through British Indian territory;

(6) have the Government received any complaints from persons who had to take Cochin licensed cars to British territory?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) According to the Madras Government Notification G. O. No. 580 Land M dated 13th February 1932 the cars in the personal use of H. H. the Maharaja are exempted. The Madras Government have expressed their regret to extend the concession generally to all State owned cars.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

(6) Yes.

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